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Dear Al:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Defense-Wide Intelligence Plan (D-WIP), recently approved by the JCS and forwarded to the Secretary. It was difficult to pull this plan together, and while we did not succeed in all we tried to do, I am proud of what the DIA planners under [redacted] and their Service and Agency cohorts accomplished. [redacted]

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We are about to embark on a second iteration of this plan. In particular, [redacted] and I want to improve on aspects that will help other planners and programmers in their subsequent efforts. For example, this year's threat section, which tried to highlight implications for Defense intelligence, fell somewhat short of what I would have desired. We plan to involve the Defense Intelligence Officers far more this year and others whose intimacy with how intelligence operates will permit better conclusions on the implications for how we do our business. I am also focusing on our own technology developments which will present both challenges and opportunities, something I know [redacted] is doing also.

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Perhaps the biggest breakthrough is the expression of priorities in the current D-WIP. I have never known the Services, especially through the JCS "color" process, to agree on priorities. As we fought to keep the D-WIP focused on the outyears to help guide subsequent molding of programs and initiation of new efforts, it may be we did not threaten established positions. I think the expression of priorities with the recommendations is useful, but not, of course, if applied blindly to near-term programming.

I will send along a final printed copy for you when available, and naturally will send several to the Policy and Plans Staff. I will be interested in its reaction and suggestions for refinements.

I owe you a lot for your assistance when we were trying to get the planning process off the ground. It was worth the pain. My thanks.

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1983 D-WIP, w/o
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